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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 1400 Hours, 9 September 1960

PRESENT : Colonel Beerli
Mr. Cunningham

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1. Colonel Beerli explained that the return of Detachment B has been suspended pending decision by the Director to retain Detachment B at its present location for peripheral operations at the request of General Strong, OSI/DDI. The burden of justification rests with General Strong. DPD/OPS submitted the operational considerations on the program without pro or con views. Should the detachment be retained it will be reduced in aircraft to [] and operations will be from Adana to Adana. Further action on this rests with General Strong, Mr. Bissell, and the Director. Until a firm decision is reached, present plans call for the retention of [] at Edwards Air Force Base and [] at Detachment B. Mr. Cunningham indicated that [] wish to retain [] in the CHALICE program.

ACTION: As indicated.

2. On the "ungrounding of U-2s" Mr. Cunningham advised that several proposals for [] were submitted to Mr. Bissell with strong emphasis that [] might offer more flexibility. Mr. Bissell has approved [] route and Mr. Cunningham is awaiting Colonel Geary's return to discuss the matter with him.

ACTION: Mr. Cunningham.

3. [] indicated that [] is taking action with General Anderson to have [] accept responsibility for support of U-2 aircraft in the CHALICE program, except for J-75 spares and Agency peculiar items which will remain at []

ACTION: Materiel Branch

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4. Colonel Beerli advised that the assistance team from Headquarters has departed for Edwards Air Force Base to aid in maintaining operational capability during the transition of Detachment C to Detachment G. [redacted]

[redacted] had taken over command of the detachment with [redacted] divorcing himself from the detachment's activities pending possible reassignment to the [redacted] Detachment.

5. Colonel Beerli advised that [redacted] Detachment has been approved; that a letter has gone to the Air Force requesting their support of the detachment under the same arrangements enjoyed by other CHALICE detachments; a cable has also been prepared to the [redacted] advising of the approval and requesting that [redacted] negotiate the agreement with the [redacted] [redacted] will go to [redacted] approximately 1 October 1960 to review facilities at the proposed base.

6. Upon suggestion from the Security Staff, Colonel Beerli has approved that we phase out the remaining CHALICE drivers. Mr. Cunningham will discuss replacements with Colonel Geary on his return.

7. Concerning the "Ten Year" concept of CIA Air Activities, Colonel Beerli stated that we should make a concerted effort to staff our detachments with the highest caliber of personnel capable of instructing and training employees of proprietary organizations. The ten year paper concept favors "black" operations through our proprietaries. Colonel Beerli will circulate copies of the ten year paper.

8. Approval has been requested from DOD to equip Det #2 at [redacted] with two C-130s and one C-118.

9. The 54-12 committee suggested approval of the C-130-B for [redacted] Purpose of the C-130-B, which fits into the overall modification and modernization of CIA's air fleet, is to provide us with a world wide capability in addition to support of FE operations.

10. [redacted] inquired about the status of letters of commendation on personnel returning to the Air Force. Mr. Cunningham stated that one group of commendations is in the hands of Colonel Geary and he suggested that we not submit an additional one until the Air Force has implemented commendations on the group they now have.

11. Mr. Cunningham cautioned on other than official discussions concerning the U-2 and stated that it is still a classified program and we should not be coaxed into free discussions on the U-2 in view of the publicity it has received of late.

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12. [] commented on possible security leak by one of the contractors engaged on COMNA. Security is investigating.

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13. [] will submit an activity program for the single-side band on U-2s.

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14. [] stated that Colonel Beerli will submit a weekly paper to Mr. Bissell summarizing pertinent activities of the division for the week and requested that each section chief flag any items on the Weekly Activity Report worthy of submission to Mr. Bissell. He also requested that the sections include on their Weekly Activity Report any items received via memorandum from Colonel Beerli.

ACTION: All Branches and Sections

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15. In an effort to determine policy decisions and agreements affecting DPD, [] will review policy files throughout the division.

16. Supervisors with outstanding RRs were reminded to submit the delinquent reports to the Personnel Section as soon as possible.

ACTION: All sections.

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APPROVED:

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